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**REMARKS** 

In response to the election/restriction requirement entered by the Office, applicant

has selected the first embodiment, identified in Figures 1 - 4 for prosecution on the merits.

Each of Claims 1 - 25 are generic to the first embodiment for the following reasons.

As noted in the Specification, the cable raceway outlet shown in each of the drawings 1 -

15 is the same. The only difference is the transition to which the cable raceway outlet 10

is connected. This was clearly set out on page 10 of the Specification, where it is noted

that "the downspout 30 can be mated with several different types of fittings for attachment

to vertical raceways, terminations or the like. Compare Figures 1 - 4, 5 - 8, 10 - 15." Page

10, paragraph 56.

None of the dependent claims individually claim any of the transitions to which the

cable raceway outlet 10 is attached.

For all the reasons discussed above, applicant submits that all of the claims in the

case are now in condition for allowance. Such action is therefore respectfully requested

at an early date. If the Examiner believes that any issues remain for discussion, he is

invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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